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by an upper housing 7 and a lower housing 8 which are flat-shaped. A slit 10 as an elongated opening is formed in a front surface of this housing body 9 on the side from which the housing body 9 is inserted into the column 4. A flange-like magnetic disk 12 is adapted to be inserted in the slit 10. The magnetic disk 12 is integrally formed with a lower end of an annular linking portion 11 linked to the rotation member of the steering-signal transmitting unit 3 and rotates with the rotating member.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Amended) A structure for mounting a steering angle sensor for detecting a steering angle of a steering wheel, wherein

a column including a through-hole extending along a longitudinal axis of said column, said column including top and bottom surfaces through which said longitudinal axis passes, and at least one side surface,

wherein a steering-signal transmitting unit, a turn signal lever, and a wiper control switch lever are attached to an upper portion of the column, and

wherein a fitting recessed portion is provided in the side surface of the upper portion of the column and a steering angle sensor is inserted and fitted into the fitting recessed portion from the direction of the side surface of the column,

wherein the fitting recessed portion is substantially adjacent to the turn signal lever and wiper control switch lever.

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- 4. (Amended) A steering angle sensor mounting structure comprising:
- a steering angle sensor for detecting a steering angle of a steering wheel;

a column to which a steering-signal transmitting unit is attached, the column including top and bottom surfaces and at least one side surface, the steering-signal transmitting unit including a rotating member rotating about an axis;

a fitting recessed portion provided in a side surface of the column through which the axis does not pass;

a turn signal lever attached to an upper portion of said column,

wherein the steering angle sensor is inserted and fitted into the fitting recessed portion from the direction of the side surface, so that the steering angle sensor detects the steering angle through the rotating member, and

wherein the fitting recessed portion is located in said upper portion of said column along with the turn signal lever.

